



THE CHURCH OF NIGERIA

(Anglican Communion)

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Archbishop, Metropolitan and Primate of All Nigeria

COMMUNIQUÉ FROM THE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CHURCH OF NIGERIA (ANGLICAN COMMUNION) HELD FROM FEBRUARY 1- 5, 2016, AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, KUBWA, ABUJA FCT.

INTRODUCTION

The Standing Committee of the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion), under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the leadership of The Most Rev'd. Nicholas D. Okoh, Archbishop, Metropolitan and Primate of All Nigeria, with his wife, Mrs. Nkasiobi Okoh, President of the Women's and Girls' Organisations, in attendance, met at the St Andrew's Church, Kubwa, Abuja, FCT, from 1st-5th February, 2016. One Hundred and Forty-Five (145) Bishops, One Hundred and Fifty-Four (154) clergymen and Seventy (70) members of the House of Laity were present. At the opening ceremony, the Standing Committee also welcomed His Excellency, Prof Yemi Osinbajo, Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, who gave a goodwill message. The Honourable Minister of the Federal Capital Territory, Alhaji Mohammed Bello, was represented by Mr. Daniel Salka, who delivered the Minister's goodwill message. The opening session was also graced with the presence of our Guest Speaker, Engr. Paul Erinne, who presented a paper titled, 'Frank talk on the State of the Church of Nigeria'.

THE THEME OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

The theme of the Standing Committee was, 'Maranatha: Come, Lord Jesus' (1Corinthians 16.22).

At the end, the Standing Committee meeting, it issued this Communiqué:

In view of the challenging situation in the world today vis -a-vis the theme of the meeting, the Standing Committee reaffirms and also calls upon all Christians:

- To always remember that we are pilgrims on earth and our eternal destination is the heavenly city (Hebrews 13:14).
- That no amount of suffering, hardship, deprivation or challenge should make us lose focus of this eternal hope.
- That only the coming of Jesus can put an end to all human sufferings. Christians should, therefore, earnestly pray like the early church that the Lord comes. While we await His coming, we should be committed to the mission mandate, prayer and effectively occupy the jurisdiction assigned to us.

